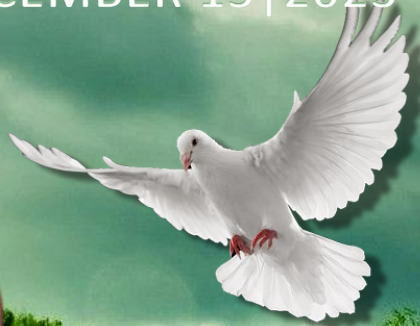
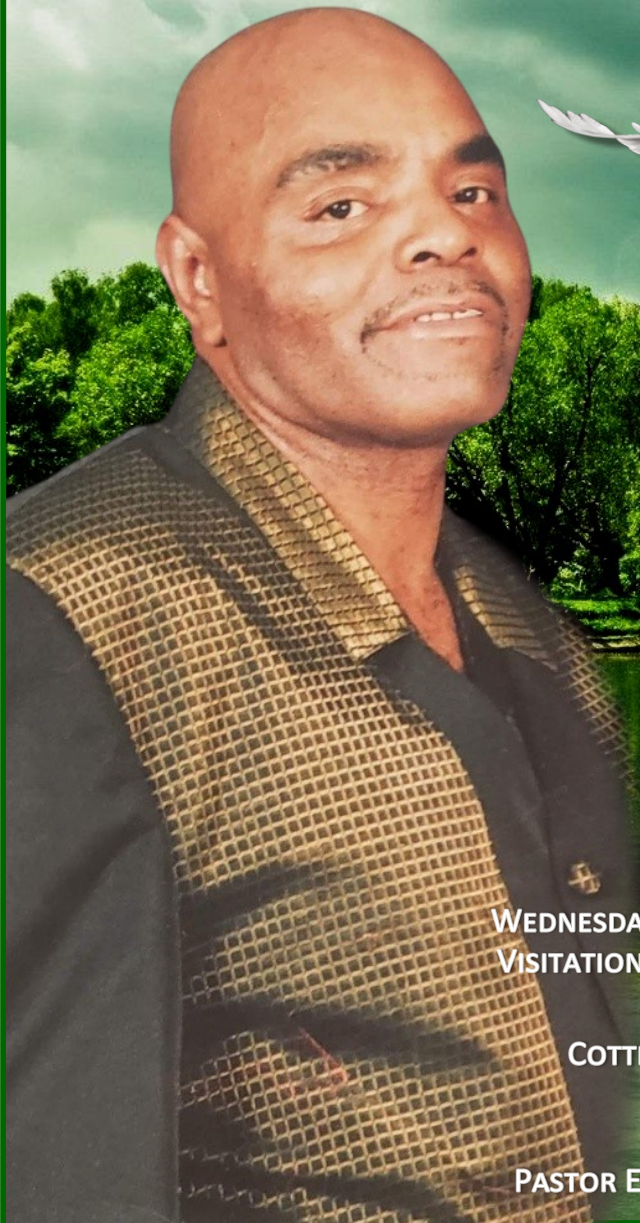


CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF  
*John E. Jackson*

JUNE 16 | 1962 - DECEMBER 15 | 2023



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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2023

VISITATION: 10:00 AM- 11:00 AM

FUNERAL 11:00 AM

COTTEN-BRANCH MORTUARY

118 N. Florissant Road

Ferguson, MO 63135

PASTOR ERIC WILLIAMS, *Officiant*

# *Life Reflections*

**JOHN EDDIE JACKSON** was born June 16, 1962, in St. Louis, Missouri to Ora L. Coleman (Jackson) and Robert Lee (who preceded him in death). From an early age along with his mother **John** was lovingly raised by his dad Tom Eddie Coleman.

**John** also got the privilege and honor of having two women he called “Mama”. His grandmother Josephine Jackson had a big impact on **John’s** life and how he was raised.

**John** was the oldest son and had a special bond with each of his siblings Barbara, Anita, Reginald and Carla. He took pride in being their protector.

**John** accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior at an early age as a member of Leonard Missionary Baptist Church then under the leadership of Rev. Eddie H. Truman, Sr. John served as an usher and one of the highlights for **John** growing up in the church was when he would be allowed to do altar prayer under the direction of Deacon Andrew Gray. He loved it! **John** knew how to pray and knew the Word. As an adult, he restored his membership at Leonard Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Bishop Steven G. Thompson. He remained there until his health failed and would no longer allow him to attend.

**John** was educated in the St. Louis Public School System. He attended Franklin Elementary and received his high school diploma at Vashon High School. While attending school he was known for his athletic abilities and great sportsmanship. He participated in boxing, baseball, football, and coached a football team in Murphy Park.

As a teen **John** also loved it when his dad took him and his brother Reginald to pro wrestling matches at the Kiel Auditorium! This was the highlight of his weekend! He was a great storyteller and would talk your ears off with all the stories and memories from the good old days. He loved cracking jokes and enjoyed making you laugh in the process!

Growing up, **John** hated it when other kids were bullied! He would take up for them and fight their battles. He would tell them, “Win or lose you have to fight back”. That was the protector in him. He would go on to protect and serve this country by joining the military.

In 1982, a healthy baby boy, Brian Lewis was born to **John Jackson** and Hope Lewis. In 1983, their second son Brandon Lewis (who preceded him in death) was lovingly brought into the world.

In 1988, **John** was united in Holy Matrimony to Tracy (Perkins) Jackson and helped raise their daughter Tiffany Robinson. They shared 35 years of marriage.

**John** would go on to further his education and graduate from the Vatterott Nursing Program and dedicated his life to the health care field and helping others. He spent most of his career dedicated to working as a loving caregiver at Heritage Care Center and he would later be promoted to a desk job as supervisor. Even as a supervisor he didn’t hide behind the desk and title; he was always hands-on taking care of the residents and building relationships with their families.

**John** departed this life on Friday, December 15, 2023, in the hands of the healthcare staff at SLU Hospital. In our eyes he’s gone too soon but God is always on time. **John’s** gone but not lost, the memories will live on in our hearts!

**John** leaves to sincerely cherish his memory: his mother and father, Tom and Ora Coleman; his wife, Tracy Perkins; daughter, Tiffany Robinson; son, Brian (LaToya) Lewis; four siblings, Barbara Jackson Tillmon, Anita Jackson, Reginald (Valarie) Jackson, Carla (Von) Soll; and a host of stepsisters, stepbrothers, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

# Order of Service

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

SCRIPTURE READING

*Old Testament* ..... *Donnell Jackson*

*New Testament* ..... *Min. Leonard Boone*

PRAYER ..... *Pastor Eric Williams*

SOLO ..... *Bridget Michelle*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CARDS

AND CONDOLENCES ..... *Shirley Jackson*

SPECIAL REMARKS (*Limit to 2 minutes*) *Family and Friends*

POEM BY LIL SIS ..... *Carla Soll*

PRAISE DANCE ..... *Ajah Thomas*

TRIBUTE TO DAD ..... *Tiffany Robinson*

SOLO ..... *Bridget Michelle*

EULOGY ..... *Pastor Eric Williams*

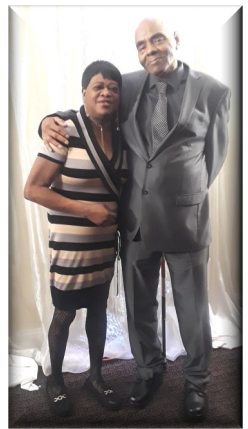
PARTING VIEW ..... *Cotten-Branch Mortuary*

BENEDICTION ..... *Pastor Eric Williams*

## Interment

LAKE CHARLES PARK CEMETERY

7775 St. Charles Rock Rd. | Bel-Nor, MO 63114





## *He Only Takes The Best*

God saw that he was getting tired

A cure was not to be.

So He put His arms around him

And whispered "Come with Me."

With tearful eyes we watched him suffer,

And saw him fade away.

Although we loved him dearly,

We could not make him stay.

A golden heart stopped beating,

Hard working hands to rest.

God broke our hearts to prove to us,

He only takes the best.



## *Acknowledgement*

The family of **John E. Jackson** would like to thank our family and friends for the love, text, calls, prayers and other expressions of sympathy extended to us during our period of bereavement. Please continue to remember us in your prayers. May God bless you all.

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